



**Amateur
Beekeepers
Association**
NSW MID NORTH COAST

The Bee Line

**Newsletter of the Mid North Coast Amateur Beekeeping
Association**

October 2022 Newsletter

MNCABA President's Report

Hello Everyone,

From all reports, the meeting at Woolgoolga went well. As Both Merridy and I were not able to attend, the workload fell to others. Thank you very much.

If I can take a couple of things from Secretary Monica's notes: Our AGM will be conducted at the next meeting which will be held at the Shearer's on North Bank Rd. Unfortunately, I cannot attend because of a clash with another event in Armidale.

I am looking forward to catching up at the December meeting which will be held at the Urunga Hotel. We have sufficient funds to heavily subsidise the "lunch". The venue is booked, but we have to lock in numbers for catering purposes. To this end, we ask you to contribute \$10, which will also include a lucky draw ticket for some worthwhile prizes. Please pay at the November meeting or do a bank transfer. Ensure your name is on the transfer so we know who sent it.

Regards,
Allan

Next Meeting

Date: 13th November 2022

Time: 10 for 10.30am

Host: Kerry

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Matt and Don conducted the hive inspection at the September Club meeting at Coffs Beekeeping Supplies





MONICA'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

Thank you Judith and Serge for hosting this event.

Anne Webster from DPI brought us up-to-date with the incursion and management of the Varroa Mite in the Mid North Coast region.

Red zone eradication of hives has been completed. Surveillance continues with alcohol washes and mite strips for at least the next three years. Anne added that only managed hives from commercial beekeepers will be introduced in 2023 to aid in the pollination of raspberries and blackberries. Commencement of baiting of feral hives within the red zone will commence shortly.

There is a risk to native bees and the Australian Native Bee Association has been contacted regarding the recommendation for all native bee hives to be moved away from the baiting sites.

There is no timeline when a beekeeper can move hives from the purple to the blue zone. This situation changes daily and every beekeeper is advised to monitor announcements from DPI.

The plain English guide on this website is very informative. Please see link below:
<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/varroa-mite-emergency-response/plain-english-guide-for-varroa-mite-emergency-order>

One member was concerned about what to do if they suspect their bees have been poisoned. It is recommended that the bees are collected, frozen and sent away for testing.

The AGM will be held at the next meeting in November where all positions are declared vacant and nominations will be taken and the new executive management committee will be announced.

The 2022 Christmas party will be held at the Ocean View Hotel Urunga 11th of December at 1pm.

A variety of platters will be served and each member is responsible for their own drinks. Cost will be \$10 which includes a raffle ticket at the door. As we need numbers for catering please ensure you book in and pay at our November meeting.

The November meeting will be held at Kerry Shearer's place at Northbank Road, Raleigh



FRANK'S HIVE HINTS No 22

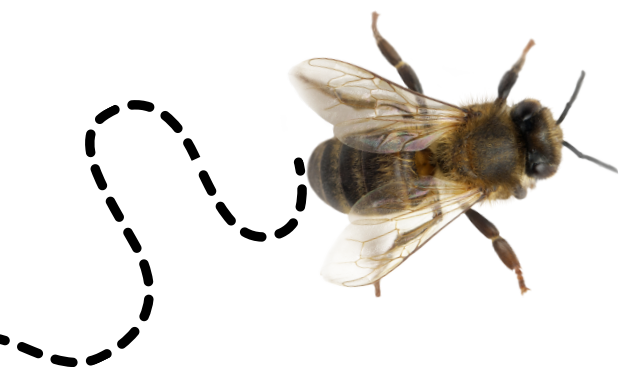
Nectar and pollen production are dependent on many factors, not just the appearance of flowers. Temperature, humidity and wind, time of day, location, landforms and rainfall all play their part.

When temperatures rise considerably, many bees will be diverted from nectar and pollen foraging to collecting water to cool the hive.

Dry windy days with low humidity are not ideal as nectar in the flowers can evaporate quickly. Time of day is important as most plants release an abundance of nectar or pollen early in the day. If hives are in a position where they warm up early bees will be able to begin foraging early. Locating hives on a site with a north-east aspect where they receive early morning sun is advisable.

Landforms that have variety such as hilly slopes with sun and shade have advantages. As the sun progresses down the slope during the day so will the nectar or pollen production. Rainfall stimulates growth and blossoms. It may have fallen earlier in the year but will have an influence later. Heavy rain during the flowering period can wash away nectar and pollen and stop their production.

LOVE THOSE BEES.



**If you cannot do great things,
do small things in a great way**

Napoleon Hill



CLUB SUPPLIES //

Foundation and Apithor

Don Wood has our Club's supplies of Wax Foundation and Apithor SHB traps. Please contact him on pH: 0418112516 or by email: rabbitttrap2873@yahoo.com

The price of foundation is \$2.60 per sheet. Apithor SHB traps are \$6.50.

Don is also the guardian of our two hive extractors that are available for loan to club member.



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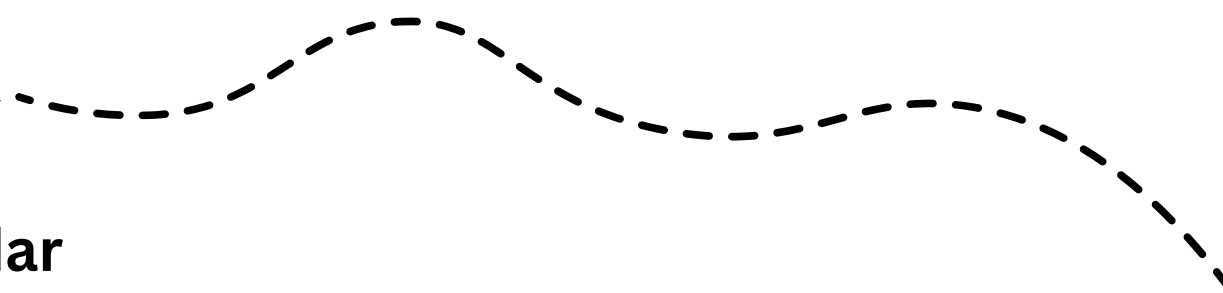
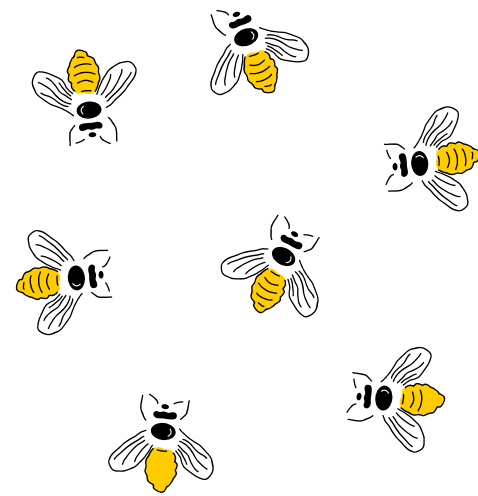
VENUE 925 Northbank Road, Raleigh

HOST Kerry 0437 608 008

COST \$5

RAFFLE Donations for the raffle table warmly welcomed

PLEASE BRING chair, food, drinks, hat, bee protection gear, and any **outstanding library books**



Calendar

*December 11 Christmas Function
at the Urunga Hotel*

\$10 payment required to secure booking

Please pay at the November AGM or
transfer funds to the account below
by Monday 5 December



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